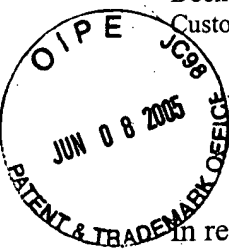


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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed March 8, 2005, to which a shortened statutory period for reply is set to expire three months from the date of mailing, a response is due by June 8, 2005, please amend and reconsider the above-identified patent application as follows. Entry of the following amendments and remarks are respectfully requested since they are believed to place the application in condition for allowance or in better condition for appeal and do not raise any new issues requiring further consideration and/or search.

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the Listing of Claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.